

CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER



A Newsletter for members of the Crockfords Bridge Club Inc.

July 2017



WHAT IS YOUR BID ?

Seniors Grade mid-winter celebration

Presentation of Trophies



Darcy Preston & Tony Crow



Dave Putt & Jan Holden



Team : Alistair Douglas, Peter van Leeuwen, Jill Crossland & Alan Stevens



Jacob Dominic & Francis Sim



Tony Crow

2017 - HALF YEAR PRIZE LIST

SENIOR GRADE

MISS COCKS TROPHY (Muriel Bromley Cocks Memorial Trophy)

1.	Jenny Story
2.	Case De Ruiter
3.	Philippa Borlase

ENRIGHT MEMORIAL (Maurice Enright Memorial Pairs)

1.	David Putt & Jan Holden
2.	Jenny Story & Peter Story
3.	Geoffrey Norris & Peter van Leeuwen

TEAMS OF FOUR (Ann Oakley Memorial)

1.	Jill Crossland, Peter van Leeuwen, Alan Stevens, Alistair Douglas
2.	Kym Will, Tony Crow, Peter Story, Jenny Story
3.	David Price, Beverly Parlane, Allan Schroeder, Paul Ainsworth

PREFER PAIRS

1.	Jacob Dominic & Francis Sim
2.	Gerard Moot & Bill Down
3.	Margaret Scott & Rita Roy

GASSON CUP

1.	Tony Crow
2.	Peter Story
3.	Darcy Preston

HILARY BISHOP TROPHY

1.	Darcy Preston & Tony Crow
2.	Kym Will & Jenny Story
3.	Peter Udy & Gerard Moot



President's Report

Hello Everybody

The Strategic Sub-Committee, 14 members (Old / Young / Experienced / Newish / Male / Female), has looked at where we are and where we would like to go as a club. The sub-committee analysed our assets and liabilities. Our assets are our lovely members and our own unencumbered premises. Our problems are that we have declining membership numbers and our expenses are rapidly starting to outstrip our income.

The group's discussions were based on 2 main questions..... where do we want to be in 5 or 10 years' time? and what our main focus should be to make this a reality.

The answer was a resounding desire for Crockfords to remain as a viable Bridge Club.

Every way we looked at it, we realised that our future is based on retaining and expanding our membership numbers and encouraging greater member participation. Did you know that 10 years ago our membership numbers were double what they are now? What has happened is that the number of members of our club [and indeed most clubs in NZ] has decreased and that the average age of our members has increased.

We can make it easier for our older members to stay playing for longer.

- **Helping with transport, e.g. car pooling**
- **Daytime sessions**
- **Partner finder**

We can encourage new people to join or rejoin. We need to make it fun for our existing members.

- **Beginners' lessons**
- **Advertising**
- **Word of mouth**
- **Flexibility of session times**
- **Flexibility of our grading system**
- **Coffee, tea or other drinks at any time during a session?**
- **More competitions of the type people like.**
- **Handicap events to spread the winning and feeling of achievement.**
- **Social/fun events; mid-winter "do's", Christmas parties, quiz nights, ...**

Once we attract these new members we need to retain them. We need to.....

- **Support them in their first years with encouragement**
- **Offer improver's lessons**
- **Develop a Buddy system**
- **Be a welcoming and inclusive community**

We also need to decrease our expenses and increase our income. This may involve changes to the number of staff we employ and/or the number of hours they are employed for. We need to rent our premises out as much as possible. Small sub-committees will be discussing how these things can be managed. It is highly unlikely that subs or table fees will change.

**We need to have an up-to-date modern web-site
[this is happening...check it out].**

**We need to have a modern image. New signage? Better entrance?
Data projector? Smart screen? Better visibility?**

We need to attract younger members.

Happy Bridging

Peter van Leeuwen



NGAIRE FOUGERE



We wish to remember Ngaire, a life member of the club, who passed away on Wednesday 28th June. She was a much loved and respected member of the Senior Grade.

NOTICE BOARD

CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB ALL GRADES TOURNAMENT 8B Points – TWO SESSIONS

Sponsored by John Rhind Funeral Directors

Date: SUNDAY 23rd July 2017
Commencing at 10.00 am

Cost: \$25.00 per player
Morning Tea & Nibbles included.
Continuous tea & coffee available

website: Enter via Canterbury Regional Bridge
<http://www.canterburyregionalbridge.co.nz>

Closing Date: Noon on Wednesday, 19th July



RANGIORA EXCHANGE

On Sunday 9th July at 1pm at Crockfords Bridge Club
This is a friendly social occasion, where an equal number of pairs from each club compete. We need 13 pairs and would like pairs to be from all grades
Further information on notice board.

Fundraiser

The new entertainment book is now available and the cost is \$65.00 with \$13.00 going to the club.
Order forms are in the foyer or as you enter from the rear carpark.

Pea Straw Fundraiser:

Still a few bales available from Crockfords for \$10 per bale.

Inter Club Teams 20th August

Teams of Four from Senior, Intermediate and Junior Grades
The best players will be chosen using club and other results we know about.
Check the notice board for more information.

IMPROVERS LESSONS

Next set of lessons : 28th July - Opening Leads
4th August - Signals and Discards

EU lawyer claims bridge card game ‘is a SPORT’ in Brussels ruling

A European Union lawyer has claimed the card game bridge “is a sport” - a bizarre move aimed at reducing taxes.

The game especially popular with the elderly, should be reclassified according to a director general for the European Court of Justice (ECJ). Maciej Szpunar argued because duplicate contract bridge required “considerable mental effort and training” it should be considered a sport. He also pointed out the fact the game was nominated for inclusion at the 2020 Summer Olympics, albeit failing to be nominated for the second shortlist. Bridge was also recognised as a sport by the 1998 Olympics committee, although again was not available for contestants.

His report is non-binding but could be ratified later this year, marking a huge victory for British bridge players.

The case was brought to the European Court of Justice by the English Bridge Union (EBU), who said they were entitled to reclaim money under tax exemptions.

Because of the efforts required during a game of bridge, they argued, bridge players should be given help when buying sporting supplies and entering competitions. It would also boost investment in the game and help British bridge players enter European competitions.

EBU chairman Jeremy Dhondy said: “I am delighted at this decision made today which I very much hope will be upheld by the judges who heard the case.

“It is a vindication of our view that bridge should be regarded as a sport with all the advantages that brings both for bridge as a game and also for our members and prospective members.

“We want our game to play its full part as an activity to promote social inclusion and welcome the judgement of the European Court.”

On the other hand, others said bridge was not a sport due to the lack of physical exercise.

Congratulations

The following people have had a Rank Change :-

Local Master 1* : Mike Small & Mary Small

Certificate of Proficiency : Richard Williams

Top Results –June 2017

Congratulations to the "Top Guns" for each grade in June 2017

Senior

Russel McKenzie /Glen Duncraft	71.58%
Peter Udy / Peter Story	67.08%
Darcy Preston / Kathleen Catley	65.70%

Senior Reserve

Simon Cobb / Mathew Conibear	66.67%
Jenni Minson / George Thornley	62.96%
Beverly Parlane / Meredith Smith	62.96%

Intermediate

Bryan Morgan /Nick Mein	68.10%
Rachael Atkins / Joan Shaw	60.42%
Joe Ferrari / Ann Ferrari	59.38%

Junior

Merv Spurway / Heather Spurway	72.69%
Jean Lindo / Ellie Burt	68.75%
Pam Boyles / Norma Horne	58.13%

Open (Thursday Afternoon)

Peter Udy / Elena Udy	76.40%
Geoffrey Norris / Megan Bruynel	70.19%
Darcy Preston / Tony Crow	65.48%

Open (Thursday Evening)

Piotr Ratka / Peter Van Leeuwen	76.25%
Mary Small / Megan Bruynel	70.83%
Mike Small / Mary Small	66.67%



THE STRANGEST GRAND OF ALL

What do you need for a grand slam?

A good grand slam. An unbeatable grand slam.

You need first round control in every suit. You need good trumps, a running suit maybe, a source of tricks.....oh and occasionally it helps to have the right defender on lead.

N/S Vulnerable

East Deals

NORTH

WEST

♠ A K Q 6 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ -

♣ A K Q J 5

EAST

♠ J

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A Q 9 6

♣ 10 9 8 7 4

SOUTH

This board came from the recent NZB Congress at Hamilton. 18 out of 70 East- West Pairs found their way to 6 and all bar three were successful. However, one East-West pair did even better and bid to 7 and they were successful too.

It is trivial to say that the opening lead was not a heart. It should also be said that the defender on lead had more than one heart. However, North might as well have been void as they contemplated their opening salvo to 7. What do you think North's heart holding was?

Answer next month newsletter



The Club's Library of Bridge Books is located in the playing room on the West wall close by the entrance to the kitchen. There are about a hundred books and they are for the use of all members.

A self-issue system operates. Just put your name and the title in the spiral-spine notebook which sits on one of the shelves.

Return of the book is expected after one month.

Access to the library is available outside of the playing session times.

Happy Reading



Correction

In last month newsletter there was a spelling mistake
But does it matter ! You could still read it.

Try reading this :

The olny iprmoatnt thing is that the frist and lsat ltter be in the
rghit pclae. The huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter but the
wrod as a wohle.

At Corkcfodrs when palynig brdige do you look at the fcaes on the
fcae crads to reocgnsie the crad.

Dnot tihnk so.



Did You Know?

62.7 percent of all bridge players are women.

43.6 percent of all slam contracts fail.

97.8 percent of all bridge statistics, including these, are made up.

Fourth Best

Jan: Why did you lead the nine from K-9-7-5-2?

Sue: I play fourth best.

Jan: Then why not the five?

Sue: Darn! I always forget which end to count from.

Sub-Committees & Key People and Jobs :

Bar & House : Supplies, Training, Rostering	Alistair Douglas , Ross Glub, Graeme Black
Building & Grounds Repair & Maintenance, Major Works	Rob Freeman , Alan Stevens, Graeme Black, Graham Wheal, David Lockyer, David Price
Education Arrange Lessons, Helpers, Teachers	Robin Jones , Helen Garden, Martin Robinson, Richard Williams
Employment	Peter van Leeuwen , Alistair Douglas, Beverley Parlane
Finance Accounts, Insurance, Employment, Grant Application	Brian Le Vaillant , Peter van Leeuwen, Meredith Smith, Alistair Douglas
Governance Health & Safety, Incorporated Societies	Margaret Scott, Ben Frampton, Peter van Leeuwen
Marketing Promoting Lessons, Advertising, Programme Booklet, Sponsorship, Newsletter	Richard Williams , Derek Jones, Geoff Norris, Alan Stevens, Barbara Ryan, Rob Freeman, Mike Small
Membership, Fun stuff, Events, Pastoral Care	Alan Stevens , Jill Crossland, Grade Convenors
Operations Dealing, Directing, Information, Technology	Peter van Leeuwen , Jan Barrow, Megan Brunel
Operations - Directors Training, Rostering, Professional Development	Jan Barrow & Team
Operations - Dealers Training, Rostering	Megan Brunel & Team
Operations - IT Maintenance, Training, Development, Website	Peter van Leeuwen , Simon Cobb, Nick Mein, Brian Morgan
Tournaments Advertising, Entries, Host, Cater	Ann Ferrari , Jan Barrow, Peter van Leeuwen, Grade Convenors, Peter Gordon, Margaret Collins
Venue Hire Venue Hire & Rental, Term of use, Promotion	Alan Stevens , Rob Freeman, Mike Small, Barbara Ryan, Jane Morris
Strategic Plan Volunteers	Marcia Admore, Matthew Conibear, Alistair Douglas, Darryl Douthwaite, Peter Gordon, Derek Jones, Geoff Norris, Mike Small, Richard Williams.

CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

OFFICE BEARERS 2017 / 2018

President : Peter van Leeuwen

Vice President : Alan Stevens

Treasurer : Brian Le Vaillant

Committee : Jill Crossland
Alistair Douglas
Ann Ferrari
Rob Freeman
Robin Jones
Richard Williams

Grade Convenor's for 2017:

Senior	Rosemary Olsen
Senior Reserve	Murray Wright
Intermediate	Martin Robinson
Junior	Cathy Roseveare
Thursday Night	Ann Ferrari

Administrative Secretary : Carol Singh

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

We would like to provide variety in the Newsletter and welcome any contributions from members, notices, articles, items about community activities and such like. If you would like to contribute to the next issue Contact :

Crockfords Bridge Club
218 Riccarton Road, Christchurch.
Phone : (03) 3487478
email : crockfords@extra.co.nz
PO Box 31-130

